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The AMPLIFIER

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December 20, 1967

Merry Christmas
and Happy
New Year

Students, faculty attend Mining Convention

Ten students, 5 faculty, and 3 geologists from the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology attended the Northwest Mining Association's 73rd annual convention on December 1 and 2. Also attending were 15 part time students enrolled in Mining 457 Rock Mechanics.

On Thursday, November 30, the group visited the U. S. Bureau of Mines' Spokane Mining Research Laboratory. Open House included a full day program of briefings and tours of the research projects. The Spokane laboratory's specific area of research is the stabilization of ground in mines by other than natural means; that is, stabilization by use of mine supports. Of present there are 14 projects at the laboratory: 6 concerned with hydraulically emplaced stope fill or waste disposal; 2 concerned with rock bursting; 2 concerned with mine subsystems (rock bolting and concrete lining); and one each on distributed-load support, precast-concrete mine supports, support load prediction, and on other materials for ground support. Not all of the projects are concerned strictly with mining on the earth. One project, sponsored by NASA, is to develop the technology of using natural sulfur, which possibly is indigenous on the moon, as a ground support material.

On Thursday night the group attended the 5th annual Montana Tech Alumni Dinner Party arranged by George Krem-pasky. Short talks were given by George Hanson, Alumni president from Butte, and Dr. Koch. The opening session of

the Convention on Friday morning included addresses on "Need For Labor Legislation" by Robert G. Dwyer, "Silver Today and In The Future" by Ralph L. Wilcox, and "The Old Shell Game" by Ronald J. Stocking.

At the joint NWMA and Spokane Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Franz Pick spoke on "The Mini-Dollar-Gold and Silver" and predicted a tripling of the gold price.

The afternoon sessions were Mineral Development in the Pacific Northwest and Panel on Monetary Policy.

Friday was concluded by a cocktail party, buffet, entertainment, dancing and hospi-

ality rooms.

The annual Moose Milk and Stag breakfast on Saturday was missed by few. The Saturday morning sessions were Geology and Exploration, and Milling and Metallurgy. Dr. Walter Hibbard, president of the AIME and director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, gave the address "Impact of the Urbanization of the Mining Industry" at the AIME luncheon. The Mining Session and the Canadian session were held Saturday afternoon.

The mining convention was concluded with the Suppliers' Cocktail Party and the Annual Banquet. Over 1200 people attended the two day convention.

Speaker sparks interest

Dr. Edward Shaw, member of the foreign service and at present, Diplomat in Residence at the University of Montana was a recent guest speaker at Montana Tech. He has just returned from 12 years of service overseas and is beginning a 3 year diplomatic residency in the United States.

Dr. Shaw joined the department of state in 1946 and has served as a United States embassy representative in Oslo, Norway, Canberra, Australia, and most recently, Tokyo, Japan.

As a Diplomat in Residence at the University of Montana, Shaw's duties entail aiding the University's program in political science from a practical point of view and to try to stimulate interest among students in the foreign service as a career.

Dr. Shaw's speech was entitled "The U. S. Embassy and its role in the formulation of foreign policy."

The organization and function of an Embassy were elucidated and the method of appointment of Ambassadors was also explained. American Ambassadors are the only persons within the Embassy who are directly appointed by the President.

The structure of the embassy proper is composed of four main sections. The first, the political section, concerns itself with relations between the United States and other foreign countries. This section informs the United States government in Washington of ease or tumult between foreign powers and the U. S.

The economic section deals with monetary relations between countries. An example of its undertakings is the Asian Development Bank, established through the joint cooperation of Japan and the U. S. Each power contributed \$200 million dollars for its formulation. Its purpose is to give economic assistance to underdeveloped countries in the Eastern world.

The counsellor section deals with visas, passports and American tourists abroad and the various difficulties they may encounter while travelling in foreign countries.

Concerned with the less diplomatic and formal aspect of an Embassy is the administrative section which distributes money for lights, pencils, pens and issues paychecks to department employees.

An embassy receives its orders directly from the Department of State in Washington. After the orders are received by the Ambassador, they are then given to the Prime Minister of head of state, a report is made on their practicability and this report is then sent back to the U. S. for approval.

In the autumn of 1968, the state department in Washington will circulate pamphlets and information to campuses all over America to recruit and stimulate interest in the foreign service as a career to America's qualified young people.

Educational backgrounds for entry into the foreign service vary greatly from degrees in history, political science, economics, Business Administration, and International Trade Relations. There is no preference as to color, race, creed or sex.

At the conclusion of Dr. Shaw's talk, a question and answer period followed.

Earthmoving seminar hosted at Tech

An earthmoving seminar was presented at Montana Tech by the Caterpillar Tractor Company November 27. Both afternoon and evening sessions were held.

Featured speakers were Paul Morris and William Palm, Montana representatives of the Caterpillar Company, and Kent Taylor of Peoria, Illinois. Taylor is a 1966 graduate of Tech. Charles Collins of the Westmont Tractor Company of Missoula opened the meetings.

Topics discussed were materials and power, haul unit production, owning and operating costs, earthmoving system selection, job efficiency and planned equipment replacement. Two movies were shown: "Anaconda's Twin Butte Operation" and "One Turn of the Earth."

About 150 persons attended the seminar sessions.



Coeds are shown decorating the Christmas tree in preparation for the Christmas dance.

Non-citizens must report

The Federal Government requires every person who is not a citizen of the United States to report his address to the government each January. The government has printed cards which noncitizens use to report their addresses. The cards are available at Post Offices or Immigration and Naturalization service offices.

Parents should file cards for children under 14 years of age who are not citizens.

The law requires that these cards be filled out before January 31 of each year.

This notice does not apply to you if you are a citizen of the United States. However, you will be assisting the government and any of your friends who are not United States citizens if you remind them of the address report requirement.

Scholarship available to woman engineer

Applications are available in the registrars office for the Lillian Moller Gillbreth Engineering Scholarship. This scholarship of \$500 is awarded annually by the Society of Women Engineers to a qualified and deserving women engineering student for use in her 3rd, 4th and 5th year of undergraduate engineering school.

The applications must be postmarked no later than February 1, 1968. The recipient will be notified about May 1, 1968, and will receive the award in two checks of \$250 each; one by September 15, 1968, and the other by January 15, 1969.

Christmas dance held on Dec. 18

A fitting winter white and a frosty sub zero blue served as the setting for the annual Christmas formal, sponsored by the AWS, Dec. 18.

Rod Lewis and his band provided the music for the occasion and the lounge decorations were provided by the coeds. Refreshments were served in the Copper Lounge, and the fire place was lit for the first time at a formal dance. The dance began at nine o'clock and ended at midnight.

Prof discovers Pill good cure for acne

While there is some research at Tech, it is usually in fields of not very close to student interests.

Not so at the University of Pennsylvania, where Dr. Albert Kligman found that the Pill is a cure for acne.

Kligman found that massive doses of estrogen stopped the secretion of sebaceous oil, the substance which closes the pores and causes blackheads.

While the cure works for men also, the side effects are sometimes embarrassing. Acid derivatives of Vitamin A seem to be the safest thing for males.

Kligman, who seems to be the kind of swinging biochemist every campus should have, tried some other experiments also. He gave male hormones to girls to see if they would get acne. The girls did not get acne, but they became hairier, less attractive, and more interested in men. This seems to be a blind alley.

Tech students attend symposium

On November 30, Montana Tech was well represented at the second annual College Business Symposium. The symposium, held in Helena, was held to acquaint college students with the problems of business, and was under the joint auspices of the Montana Chamber of Commerce and the United States Chamber of Commerce. Helena's Chamber of Commerce was this years sponsor. Every college in Montana took part in the symposium.

Dan Piazzola, John Donegan, Tom Leonard and John Fargher attended the all-day conference from Montana Tech. Professor Holdsworth accompanied the students.

During the morning, three speakers presented speeches on various topics chosen by the students attending the conference. The speeches included "Living with Inflation" presented by Mr. Norton, "International Balance" by E. I. Solberg, and "The U.S. and Underdeveloped Countries" by Kurt Peters. A question and answer period followed each of the speeches. In the afternoon discussion tables were formed among the students. These groups then participated in panel discussions with the businessmen.

Planning—our lack of it

In reviewing the activities held during the first part of this year one fact is evident, they all lacked organization and planning. The Homecoming was somewhat less than a credit to our student body, mainly because it lacked advanced planning. The bonfire, thanks to Dick Rule's quick thinking, wasn't a total loss. The parade wasn't the best and the halftime had no planning at all. The dance had good music, but the coronation? Surely we can do better next year. The student council has recommended that plans get under way this spring for next years homecoming. Lets do a good job this spring and next fall and make it a true homecoming.

Not only have the major events lacked planning but the smaller events such as the aftergame dances have had little or no planning. One dance had no band. The dance after the Tech-Great Falls game had no one checking student cards (the responsibility of the sponsoring organization) and as a result practically every high school student in Butte was packed into our already overcrowded sub.

The coming half of the year includes the 75th anniversary celebration. This anniversary could be a perfect means of building up our reputation and boasting about our school. If it is to be successful it will take planning. Fortunately some of this planning has been already started with the formation of a planning committee. A few ideas have been proposed such as having E-Days, College Days and several Technical speakers, but these are events commonly held at Montana Tech.

Further plans should be made, possibly to include distinguished speakers in fields other science or technology. The general public could be invited to these events. A speaker such as Senator Mansfield, a former Montana Tech general student, would certainly draw a crowd and creat interest in the community. Cultural events such as plays and concerts could be included. The ideas and possibilities are unlimiter and with a little planning, imagination, and iniative the 75th anniversary could be a huge success. Are we going to make it successful or will it be just another Montana Tech attempt?

Pete Knudsen

Student

President

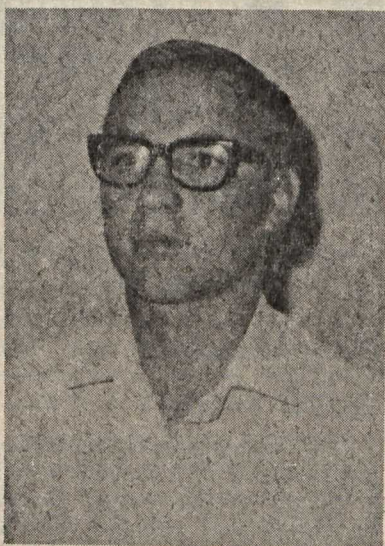
Speaks

Many of you have probably noticed the "M" on Big Butte has been a "V" the majority of the time in the past two weeks. The "M" is changed to a "V" only when Montana Tech wins an athletic contest.

On December 9, our basketball team played the College of Great Falls and Tech won 75-73. Most of the students from Montana Tech didn't know the Orediggers won until they saw the "V" on the Big Butte or until they read it in the paper on Sunday because they went to the Butte Central and Butte High game.

The majority of the students at our school are freshmen and sophomores, but you would never know it You would think they were seniors at Butte High or Butte Central, because that is where their loyalty Is When Montana Tech plays the same night as one of the high schools, many of the younger students are found at the high-school game.

We have a pretty fair basketball team this year; in fact the team has already won as many games this year as the past three years put together. The



JIM LEIFER

team would like to have all the students who go to Montana Tech at their games giving them support. It makes their job a lot easier when they know that the school they are representing is 100 per cent behind them. The team is going to win if they get the students' support or not, because they are full time Montana Tech students and not half-time Butte High. Your loyalty should be to Montana Tech and your memories to the high schools. Montana Tech is your school and it will be only as good as you want to make it, and athletics add as much as anything to the growth of a college. Let's all start supporting our teams.

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BOND'S EYE VIEW

"Tie it on tight!" cried the first aid instructor, "just because your patient is a girl, don't be afraid to tighten those bandages, girls won't break that easily." Such were the words hurled at me at a NSPS (National Ski Patrol System) refresher one night. I was the only male working on a member of the "other side" on this particular night. So, while tying a tourniquet about the girl's neck—I tied it good and tight. Her husband may never forgive me.

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The National Ski Patrol System is dedicated to the proposition that skiing should be a fun and safe sport. Membership is voluntary and receives no moneys except through benefits & contributions. Aside from this they receive only free skiing. A ski patrolman's job is twofold, (1) to set a good example as a safe and careful skier having a ball, and (2) to render fast and correct first aid treatment to victims of skiing accidents. The Z-T, Beeftrail, and Deep Creek ski patrols are all NSPS affiliated.

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Not having any way to control the weather, the skier can at least enjoy its winter severity and even look forward to it. Let's face it, winter can be fun!

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I heard someone complaining the other day. People ought to watch how they' kick—there are too many buckets lying around.

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Did you ever think about the psychological advantage women have over men? Man is by nature a rather clumsy beast, somewhat rough in manner and deed. A woman by contrast is a gentle creature, tender to the touch—even somewhat fragile in appearance. Ah, such deception! As it has been said "Hell hath no fury as a woman's scorn." I said "gentle?" They can be, but their gentleness seems to be a most effective trap.

Fragile? Not much! I defy any man to stand around on a street corner waiting for a bus in the coldest winter weather in skirts with his legs bared to the wind.

We must be wary of that shy, wistful female voice that can stop a man dead in his tracks, no matter how important his mission. But listen to the thunder and destruction of that same voice when she's mad.

Let's put it this way. It appears that a woman is a perfectly camouflaged weapon, and contained beneath their cover is energy that rivals that of the hydrogen bomb. What else can melt a male meart with a tender look, or break his heart with a kiss, or make tomorrow worth waiting for?

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Things are looking up — Montana Tech may be alive next year after all. We are getting some good publicity now, so let's make sure we keep getting it.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everybody, and see you next year!

Cross Cut

by L. C. Hoffman

The other day I was talking to a guy that really tried his best to follow the advise on the front page of the Amplifier: ENGINEERS TAKE A COED OUT. He told kind of an interesting story.

"Er. . . uh . . . (blush . . . pardon me miss?"

"Yeah, whadda youse want?"

"Well, er, I'm an engineer and I . . ."

"AANGHH!!!!!"

"Uh, wait a minute miss, you must have misunderstood me, I said I'm an engineer and all."

"YECCH!!!!!"

"LISTEN! All I want to do is ask you to the dance this weekend."

"Pardon me while I put a new battery in my hearing aid."

"All I wanna know is if you'll go to the damn dance with me."

"PROFANITY!!!!!(faint)

"Oh no, she's fainted. I'll rub her wrists."

"HELP!!! RAPE!!!"

"I'm sorry! The request hour is over with!"

"My rosary! Somebody call a priest!"

"You don't need a priest! It's only a mixer."

"MOAN"

"Good grief! You'd think I wanted you to marry me or something."

"I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK!!!!!"

"Hey! Wait a minute, lady! I never said a word. . ."

"DADDY!"

"All right already! I said It! I said it!"

"Now that we're engaged, would you like to take me to the dance this weekend?"

"That's funny! I've never had a nervous breakdown before."

The above sounded pretty wild so I asked a group of coeds about it and got a completely different story.

"Er. . . uh . . . um . . . urg . . . uh. . . (gulp) . . . um . . . eep. . ."

"Yeahwhatta youse want?"

"uh. . . um . . . youwannagoout andparkthisweekend? (gulp)"

"I'd love to go to the dance this weekend."

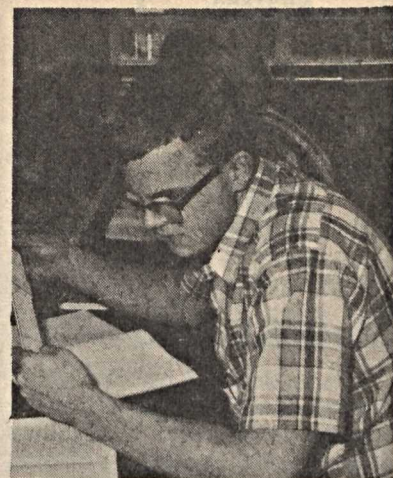
"So who said anything about the dance, you wanna go out and park?"

"I'd certainly like to go to the dance this weekend."

"Wanna get drunk?"

"That dance would sure be fun."

"I got a friend what owns a bar."



"I really like a good dance." "Sex sex sex sexsex sex booze wimmen drink sex."

"I'm sorry, the request hour is over."

"Aw, the hell with it. I'll go get drunk with the guys. See yez."

"Sigh"

I guess all you can say about the situation is that there hasn't been such a communication breakdown since the Sioux invited Custer and his men to the grand opening of their tourist trap on the Little Big Horn. Anyone care to place bets on the outcome of this one? The coeds are two-to-one favorites, but they fight dirty. The judges are thinking of making them wear shapeless fulllength shifts and veils. They just ain't fair to a guys nervous system.

The mailbox

To the editor of the Amplifier:

I think it is way past time that someone spoke out against the extreme amount of mess and lack of good manners shown by some of our students. Some examples are cigarette butts crushed out on the floor and burning the tile, with a receptacle for cigarette butts no more than five feet away; emptied lunch sacks, spilled fruit, dirty napkins, cups left around the sub; not to mention chocolate syrup, french fries, and the like that I have seen spilled on the floor.

Perhaps many of you have noticed the new light-gray tile floors installed in the Engineering Building and observed how much they have added to the appearance of that building. During the first week of use, there were two permanent burns in room 104 caused by students crushing out cigarettes on the floor. We hear the cry from the students that the Board of Regents should give us more money, newer buildings, new degrees, etc., to enhance the facilities as well as the college itself. I have often wondered if the Regents were to come on campus unexpectedly and see this lack of care by some students how they would feel about giving us the additional money and degrees. If the mess that we see left by these individuals is any indication of their attitude towards their home, it is pathetic to think of the mess in which they probably live. Perhaps, one answer to part of the problem would be to hire a bouncer for the sub of about twice as big and 10 times as mean as Dave Rovig to handle these students who insist upon making a pig pen of our sub. I would be interested in hearing some student thoughts on this or even discussing this with students as interested as I am in seeing that we have a pleasant, clean, campus.

CHARLES HERNDON

Renovation of Dorm and SUB due soon

Project for the complete renovation of the dormitory and the approximate doubling of the present area of the Student Union Building are in the preliminary planning stage at Tech. State approval has already been obtained but nothing definite concerning final form or completion dates will be known until an architect has been selected, final plans drawn up, and a contractor chosen.

General aims concerning the remodeling of the dormitory are to keep the present shell of the building but completely overhaul the inside. All of the wiring and plumbing will be replaced, along with all the furniture. The washbasins in the rooms, about the only thing that the present inhabitants like about the building, will be removed because of the prohibitive cost of replacing the extra plumbing necessary for such an arrangement. All of



Tom Richmond makes a call from second floor phone booth.

the suites and apartments will probably be converted to dormitory double rooms. Just about nothing will be left untouched except the lounges, which will remain, but get new furniture.

The kitchen and dormitory food service will be moved to the SUB as a part of both projects.

The area of the SUB will be nearly doubled by the addition of a dining area for the dormitory students on the main floor. In the basement, the lounge and the bookstore will be greatly enlarged. Also, extra conference rooms and offices for student government are planned.

By moving the kitchen and the food service from the dormitory to the SUB, the administration hopes to cut costs through the reduction of staff, increased convenience, and larger variety of food for those using the service.

The Student Union Building was built in 1960 when only three hundred students were enrolled at Tech. Since that time, enrollment has doubled. The new additions will be designed so that the enlarged SUB will serve a student body of twelve to thirteen hundred.

The total cost of the two projects will probably be in the neighborhood of \$800,000. Funds will be raised initially by a state bond issue. The bonds will be paid off by funds obtained from the use of the building, since they are both revenue producers. There has been enacted a \$8 per month increase in dorm fees spread over this year and next. Revenues from the bookstore will go toward paying for the work on the SUB.

Vic Burt, Tech business manager, emphasized that these plans are very vague at this time, but that these are some of the main objectives.

Marriage statistics

A recent survey revealed that there is a total of 115 married students on campus.

It was also noted that the male students hold a majority of a 102 as compared with the women's 13. The breakdown of classes is Seniors, 13; male engineers; juniors, 13 male engineers; sophomores, 13 male and 1 female engineers, 15 male and 3 female general students; and freshmen 10 male engineers and 12 male and 7 female general students.

Indian students study metallurgy

For those of you that are as much in the dark as this reporter, there are 25 foreign students on campus. They come to us from Canada, Chile, China, Egypt, Peru, Iran, Saudi Arabia and India.

It is from India, that L. V. P. Ramon hails. A Metallurgical



L. V. P. Ramon

Engineer, he is pursuing his masters degree on a fellowship, which, as he puts it, was a strong deciding factor, as to why he chose Montana Tech. His master's thesis is a study on the effects of strain-rate on the activation energy of formation and migration of quenched - point defects in fine platinum wire. He uses an extra-sensitive potentiometer to detect minute changes in the electrical resistance of the wires while they are being stretched. The wires are quenched from

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—Lee R. Call, Editor, Afton (Wyo.) Star Valley Independent.

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Raman received his B. S. at the Indian Institute of Technology in Madras, India, where his family home is located. He tells us that competition in such schools of higher learning is exceedingly great, and only the best students are able to pursue a college education.

Raman enjoys a good game of table tennis, experiments in amateur photography, and thinks American girls are "Just great!"

Purna C. Khuntia, better known as "P. K.", is also from India and is also working towards his masters degree in Metallurgical Engineering. His master's thesis involves the development of texture annealing in iron-nickel alloys. He makes use of the x-ray diffractometer and the computer.



Purna C. Khuntia

P. K. received his B. S. from another Indian Institute of Technology located in Bombay. His family home is in Orissa.

P. K. enjoys going to the Rumpus Room and when asked about American girls he observed "many American girls drink before 21."

Scaramouche's Corner

by Neal A. Mancuso

Man lives in and must contend with a real world—a world whose political and social structures may be based on many contradictions and foibles — a world that can only be as perfect as imperfect can make it. Critical poetry reflects this real world and attempts to bring the recognition of some of its lousier aspects to those whose awareness of their environment is not quite so keen. Here are two specimens of critical poetry authored by me dealing with our present society. The first one deals with the Average Man problem and the second with a destructive and debilitating force in our modern, civilized American Family.

The Curbside Messiah

The glow is dim on Mercury Street
The pall of red-light falls
on pavement black and gutter dry
cracked by years of sun.

He sits there bent, knees to chest
head turned to one side — —
car light glints reflecting tints
of broad-grinned face while passing by.

There he sits vacant of youth —
Christ with a decayed tooth —
remembering when life was free —
the taste of ice-cream, harmony,
bugling bells, and spinsters songs —
When He was young

It used to be man could defecate
and spawn a tree, feed the flies and scavengers
and keep the world clean —
Now he scrubs thrice a day
Rinses mouth-bad-breath away
And for 2 and one-half watches others play
And kills whatever he touches.

He sits there knees bent to chest
head turned to one side —
Christ with a decayed tooth —
wondering what was done to squelch the promise
of humanity.

Inbred culture, morons fall from societies fleshy tomb —
Renascent man, moron's spoor,
He rises to lead the world
with broad-grinned face, vacant of youth
Aimlessly wandering
Christ with a decayed tooth.

The Argument

What's for Supper!? — Left overs.
(The daggers were honed)
Cut — slash — cut — slash

Tales of yesteryear —
Tales of impotency —
cut — slash — cut — slash

Seen and heard by Tim — ;
A dog in your family tree —
A rapist in yours —
My money! My money! —
cut — slash — cut — slash
Tim is not my child!

Tim ran — (What do you mean he's not your child) and ran —
(Wouldn't you like to know!)
out the door —
(Yes I would!)
screaming — (Would what?!)
cut — slash — cut —
(What was that??)

Tim with a Pontiac upon his chest.



by EDWIN G. KOCH

Merry Christmas! We say this to our friends and our neighbors and our loved ones each year as the Yuletide approaches, and we mean it, but just what do we mean? True Christmas is many things, and many things it is not. Just what it means to each of us, and how each of us reacts to it is profoundly important.

As Christmas approaches, we mail holiday greetings to our friends and relatives. We go shopping for special presents and remembrances. We plan trips to visit families, relatives, or special friends. We prepare for Christmas dinners, parties, and entertainment. We decorate Christmas trees and our houses and yards. A great many of us attend special religious services and other church activities. Most of us do everything within our means and our limited time to make the occasion of Christmas truly a merry one.

These are the things we do. While we are thus doing, what are we thinking? What significance does it have? If it is just to please us, if it is just to meet the appeal of commercialism, if it is just to do what everyone else is doing, we may be missing most of what Christmas is supposed to be. On the other hand, if all these things are related in their doing to the reason for Christmas, and if our doing is spiritually meaningful and not merely conventional, Christmas can be a memorable occasion.

We have a Christmas recess here at our college. There may be several good reasons for this recess, but the principal one is to provide an opportunity for those families live in other places to join their loved ones for this most important holiday. Some live too far away to make reunion either practical or possible, and these must make their Christmas alone or with friends. How much we are able to do is unimportant. It's how and why we do it that is important. Let's not waste the Christmas recess. I hope your recess will be much more than a vacation from school. I hope it will be the most memorable and meaningful Christmas of all. Merry Christmas!

Edwin G. Koch

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Former student enjoys vista work



by Dave Kneebone

is after her discharge at 5 PM Aug. 9, 1968. Although she enjoys her work, she was noticeably counting the days until her release.

Cheri is a physical education teacher at the school. Although officially only a teacher's aide, her duties are similar to those of the regular faculty. She instructs approximately 170 school age girls in standard PE courses, coaches the girl's basketball team, acts as a top sargent for the drill team, and aids the school's cheerleaders. She works with two other Vista teacher aides, three Navajo teacher aides and 26 regular faculty members. Two of the faculty members are fellow Montanans hailing from Kalispell.

The Rough Rock School is only two years old having been started under an OEO grant. It is administered by an elected school board which presently consists of men and women who themselves have never received an education and cannot speak English. It is the only school on the reservation where the students are allowed to speak their native tongue. Cheri stated that all the other reservation schools forbid the use of Navajo. At Rough Rock, courses in both English and Navajo are offered. In addition, a course in Navajo Social Living is also taught. Although a community school, many students must live in dormitories because of the great distances between their homes and the school. Transportation is still in a primitive stage on the reservation. Pickup trucks are not uncommon, but neither are horse drawn wagons.

Cheri and her two Vista partners live with three Navajo teacher aides in government provided housing. Their recreation consists of going after groceries, playing basketball, occasional horseback riding or attending the Laurel and Hardy

It had better be a warm and gentle wind, though, if you wear one of the newest wedding gowns. They are available in paper. The manufacturer assumes you will wear it only once!

movies on Sunday evenings. She admitted being thrown from her horse only once. Cheri's basketball career is continuing along notorious lines. After starring in the Coed vs Rho Powder Puff game at Tech, she has continued to devastate the courts. In their last game, the Rough Rock team was defeated 69-7, with Thunder fouling out midway thru the second quarter. She has occasionally traveled to Gallup, New Mexico, but believes that it is the ugliest town she has ever seen. Although not stating whether she considered adobe making work or recreation, Cheri helped make the traditional Navajo building blocks for the community center.

Quizzed about Congress's delay in appropriating funds for the Poverty Program, thus causing the government's failure to meet salaries, Cheri stated, "We got full checks last payday but we'll stay whether we get paid or not." She also commented that Vista might be doing some good in real poverty areas but that she really doesn't know. She does not consider the reservation to be a poverty area. "Those Indians are living just like they want to live, but I love my work anyway."

Cheri hasn't thought much about her future after Vista but thinks that she might return to school. The "Little Midget", as her Indian friends call her, returned to Rough Rock December 1, to continue doing her best at a very big job.

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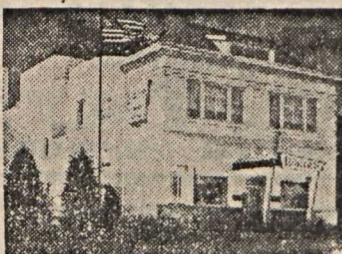
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Letter home - the multiple choice

Since many students have complained that the Amplifier does not offer enough helpful features like Ann Landers, Dr. Molnar, Barry Goldwater, and Annie Fanny, we have searched diligently for helpful material.

With a great debt to the Amplifier writers of 1956, we have come up with a winner: the multiple choice letter! Since women usually like to write more than men, this is for men only.

DATE _____

Calendar, not female

In the space at the left, put the letter corresponding to the best choice. In case none of the choices seems appropriate, add a second page.

- 1. Dear (a) Mom, (b), Dad, (c), Draft Board, (d), a, b, and c.
- 2. I am (a) fine, (b) so-so (c) hung-over, (d) miserable.
- 3. Financially, I am (a) broke, (b) broke again, (c) still broke, (d) working nights for the loan company.
- 4. My love life is (a) progressing nicely, (b) is horrible, (c) absurd, (d) has me facing a possible sentence of 99 years.
- 5. Most of my extra-curricular activities are (a) expensive, (b) relaxing, (c) illegal, (d) drunks.
- 6. My fraternity recently (a) threw a party, (b) threw me out, (c) threw up, (d) participated in a panty raid at a local hotel.
- 7. My professors all (a) like me, (b) hate me, (c) are afraid of me, (d) don't know I'm alive, (e) put me to sleep, (f) smoke marijuana.
- 8. When I come home, you'll be surprised to see that (a) I have a whisker now, (b) I go to to bathroom by myself, (c) professor's wife I eloped with last week.
- 9. Last week I became (a) a member of I Felta Thigh, (b) an athletic Hero, (c) a dropout, (d) a father.
- 10. Today, for the first time since school started, (a) I am passing all my subjects, (b) I am stone-sober, (c) I attended a class.
- 11. If you want to send something, please send (a) my winter clothes, (b) my chemistry set, (c) a Care package, (d) the girl next door.
- 12. Last week my roommate (a) helped me with my homework, (b) made me take a bath, (c) caught me stealing his money, (d) asked me to marry her.
- 13. I have purchased, in your name, at a very reasonable fee (a) a 1967 Thunderbird, (b) a term paper, (c) three professors.
- 14. I am somewhat of a campus hero since I (a) won a waltzing contest (b) discovered how to make LSD in chemistry, (c) sat on the top of the flag pole for six hours, (d) passed freshman chemistry.
- 15. Lately I have been picking up a little extra money (a) working nights as a watchman, (b) robbing gas stations, (c) in the cigarette machines, (d) from the Mafia.
- 16. I have also been coaching a coed in one of her courses. She is now (a) passing all her tests, (b) assistant professor, (c) flunking anyhow, (d) pregnant.
- 17. You will find enclosed with this letter: (a) six unpaid bills, (b) my laundry, (c) my induction notice, (d) a note from the Dean of Students.
- 18. (a) With Love, (b) Sincerely yours, (c) Dejectedly (d) Help!

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— Short Honeymoon —

Wedding bells have already rung for three Montana Tech students and six more plan to say the typical "I do's" in the not too distant future.

During this Christmas holiday, December 23rd will mark the wedding date of both Wally O'Connell, a sophomore going into petroleum and Gary Dahl, a junior in geology. Wally will wed Helen Ann Loggans, a former Tech co-ed, in St. Patrick's Church and spend a short honeymoon in Sun Valley. His future plans include living in Butte and attending Tech for two more years. Gary will marry Margrette Berryman, also a former Tech co-ed. The business manager for the Amplifier, Dick Daniels, will remember December 9th when he and Delsa Stark, a 1967 graduate of Butte High exchanged vows. Dick is a freshman planning to major in journalism.

The next wedding to take place will fall on February 1st, when a freshman co-ed, Jean Tritica, will marry Gary Hagel, a former University of Montana student. Gary is presently in partnership with his father and the newlyweds plan to make their home in Butte.

Recently, a senior in petroleum, Ron Koehler, wed Barbara Ramey, a 1967 graduate of Butte High in St. John's Church on December 2nd. Ron plans to reside in Butte and return to Tech next year. John Sutey, another senior majoring in petroleum chose last September 23rd as his wedding date when he married Peggy Harrington. The wedding took place in the Immaculate Conception Church. Another recent wedding which took place was between Ted Williams, a sophomore in mining, and Sheila Hurley, a former Great Falls College student.

Sharon Trafford and Sharon Tritt, two more Tech co-eds, plan future weddings. Sharon Trafford, who attended Tech last year and part of this year, plans to wed Doug Liene-man, a U of M junior, however the wedding date has not been

SAE meets here

The Society of Automotive Engineers met on Wednesday evening, November 29, in room 10 of the Petroleum building.

Twenty-three student members were on hand to hear Mr. Robert LaBrie of the Montana Power Company's Engineering Dept. discuss the new steam electric generating station under construction at Billings. He pointed out that the power plant was located in a center of expanding electrical demand and near the source of fuel. The fuel will be sub-bituminous Montana coal.

He also pointed out that the power company has a supply of about 850 million tons of coal. In addition to using this coal supply to generate electricity, they are interested in a newly developed process that makes it possible to convert coal into a liquid similar to crude oil. This liquid could then be refined to meet our demands for gasoline, lubricating oils, greases, and the like. The total cost of the completed electrical generating station will be approximately twenty million dollars.

set. Sharon Tritt, a freshman, plans to marry Byron Peterson, a Butte Business College student who has also attended Tech, in June of 1968. Up until this date these Tech students have been the only future or past participants in "walking down the aisle", but as the year continues to roll by, this list will lengthen and more Montana Tech students will become marriage-minded.



Roger Miller and Larry Pope, members of the South Wing Association, give Marcus Daly a suit of Christmas clothes. Marcus, a public spirited citizen, offered to play Santa Claus for Tech students this year. The south wingers have also helped Santa by decorating the dorm and the gym with colored lights.

Montana Tech to the rescue

Because of our rapidly changing technology today, many people have reason to worry about job security. Automation, the replacement of men by computers and machinery, is eliminating jobs at an ever-faster rate. Other people look forward to a life of ease when work consists of pushing the right button at the right time.

However, simpler jobs can be handled by simpler minds. Why pay a man \$10 a hour to push buttons when a monkey can be trained to perform the function at a fraction of the cost? This suggests that ambitious individuals should study to become monkey trainers.

Pursuing this thought a little farther, why should a computer put up with a filthy beast (man or monkey) to push its buttons? Obviously, it will learn to push its own buttons, thus eliminating the last possibility of a job for man.

But, wait! In the previous issue of the Amplifier, Larry Hoffman introduced the concept of the negative engineer. The only way to beat the 100 per cent efficient, logical computer and the machinery it controls is by the logical, 200 per cent efficient methods developed by negative engineers. Montana Tech may yet save humanity, since it is the most likely source for these negative engineers when the computer crisis becomes acute.

"Too many people know too little about what 'Freedom of the Press' really means. They think it must mean some extra privilege for newspapers only."—James Berreth.

Phelps Discusses Pegmatites



On Monday, November 27, George Phelps presented a lecture entitled "Gem Pegmatites of Pala, California" at a Geology Department seminar held in Main Hall.

In his lecture, George explained the general geology of the district and in particular the geology of the pegmatites. The Pala district was a world famous producer of rubellite (pink tourmaline) and kunzite in the late nineteenth century. The district is again becoming active due to the increased demand for the gemstones by amateur gemcutters and rock-hounds. George related some of his experiences while collecting in the district and displayed some outstanding specimens he had collected there.

George, a graduate student in Geological Engineering, is from Asheville, North Carolina. He graduated in 1966 from Montana Tech, and at present he is working on his master's thesis, "Stratigraphy and Structural Geology of a part of Meagher County, Montana".

Stout and Warren Visit Colleges

Recently, Dr. Warren and Professor Stout visited some Montana colleges and a Canadian junior college, where they acquainted Tech's curriculum with the students of these colleges and their advisors.

These colleges were as follows: Rocky Mountain College, Eastern Montana College, Dawson College, Miles City Community College, Northern Montana College, and Flathead Valley Community college. Dr. Warren accompanied Tech's basketball team to Canada and was able to visit Mount Royal College. These colleges all offer preengineering courses and through permission acquired from the school, these men were able to convey what Tech has to offer, and how to apply for admission to Tech to the advisors of the Students at the various colleges.

Each college cordially greeted Dr. Warren and Professor Stout, and at Dawson College they received front page recognition in the school paper. Also, they were speakers at a convocation presented there.

Future plans in this line include a few more trips particularly to Carroll College, Western, and Great Falls College. A program of follow up courses that can be given at Tech, and preferable courses to be taken before attending Montana Tech have been made up by the professors that head each department here.

May ye rest in peace

by Paul Heissfeld

A pause in war, so peace may be tended
Vietnam's ravaged land will never be fully mended
From the shores of the Tonkin Gulf to the valleys of Plie Me,
There will always be death in this blood-torn sea
Once fertile farm lands, now are with burning plain;
As all of the landscape is imbued with blood and distorted swain
While here and there among an orphan's moon,
Lie, in decaying follow, a countryman's love
Here is embitterment, hatred, cruelty, unto all
Here is where the Vietnamese families will fall
No truth, no light to guide them safely by,
As their rice patties and fields are slowly smutted by battles nearby
This may be the land to tarry or run,
As you watch the children pick up their father's gun
Side by side-mother and child stand to take their place
Now, along with their menfolk, they live and die-only to defend their cherished race
The shadows of fear and doubt will always be,
As men close their eyes to those in need
The people hold hopes of surrender,
So that everlasting peace may soon be rendered

Look forward to the days ahead;
Then look upon the shattered lives, famine, unclothed children,
half-starved, and unfed
A war can be stopped in a few hours
Why can't it be forever?

Perchance, you even care;
Try to help and understand them-if you dare!
Perhaps, this year, all that they seek is a survival lease
And for all of those who have died in this futile land—
May ye rest in peace.

BROWN FOR PRESIDENT ?

With the interest in movie stars as political candidates and successful office holders, there has been much speculation of a strong fourth-party bid from the Peanuts characters—Charley Brown for President.

Let this be thought frivolous—like the candidacy of Governor Wallace—let us look at the hard facts. Charley Brown, in spite of his apparent immaturity (he is younger than Orphan Annie—a tool of reaction—or Shirley Temple Black), he has some good political qualities. He is plainly an old shoe—no Adelai Stevenson he—a man of few words like Calvin Coolidge, to whom his industrialist friends sometimes compare him. "Good Grief" would seem an appropriate State of the Union Message for January, 1969. He has been the captain of a baseball team which never wins a game. He is an underdog born. Is he Machiavellian or just dumb? Either way, he is presidential timber.

Vice-president? Well, there's Schroeder. He has Kennedy hair, no small asset in American politics, without the threat of dynasty, since Lucy is no Ethel and Schroeder does not like girls at present. He is also interested in the arts, an appeal that no intellectual can resist.

Write your own cabinet. But think about that dove-hawk Snoopy, who like many a good politician and general, lives in the past, fighting a sentimental World War I in the world of World War Last. Army or State? Introverted Linus for Interior? Pigpen for Agriculture?

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John Uibel has been appointed manager of operations for Central-Del Rio Oils Limited. Mr. Uibel is a 1951 graduate of Montana Tech in Petroleum Engineering.

He has been with Central-Del Rio for 14 years as Field Engineer, District Engineer and Chief Engineer. He will retain his position as Chief Engineer in addition to his duties.

Leonard C. Powell, 1949 Montana Tech graduate in Metallurgical Engineering, has been promoted to General Superintendent of Metallurgy at Anaconda's Great Falls Reduction Department.

K. DeAtley Loughridge, 1940 graduate of Montana Tech, formerly assistant general manager, was named general manager, Smelting and Refining Department, by American Smelting and Refining Company at Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Gary Carlson scores two points against the College of Great Falls Argonauts.

Intra-murals progress

Intramural basketball, fast approaching the mid-season mark, finds evident leaders in both its conference divisions. The A-conference lead is held by the Fluorescent Bananas. Their 2-0 record was obtained as they defeated the Theta Tau I 71-34 and edged Maynard's Mob 63-54 in a hard-fought contest.

The top spot in the B conference is held by Tapa Kega Boedecker Brew. They earned a 3-0 record by defeating the Wombat Bombers 43-30, the Outa Towners 40-44, and the Dobbler for forfeit.

Both conference titles, however, are still being hotly contested. It is still anybody's race. But with all the fast and exciting action, one thing is certain. The respective conference champ, whoever they may be, will have earned their status as winners.

Leifer spark plug

Jim Leifer, a senior guard from St. John, Washington is a spark plug to a fine Tech basketball team. Jim is a fine athlete and was the recipient of The Most Valuable Player his first year as an Oredigger. Jim was also named Honorable Mention All-Conference his first year.

As President of the Student Body, Jim shows his leadership. Jim is a Petroleum Engineering major and is active in engineering circles. He is in the A. I. M. E., Theta Tau and is editor of the Magma. Jim is active also in other athletic endeavors such as intramurals and also played one year on the varsity football team.

Jim is a real asset, and his mark on the upgrading of the school will be felt for many years to come.

Ski film to be shown

Ski-West: Part II will be shown in the Great Falls High School auditorium on December 22 at 8:00. Admission is \$1.50.

Included in the film will be skiing on ice glaciers in Alaska, the Gelendy contest in Utah, Racer training and upside-down skiing at Montana's Big Mountain.

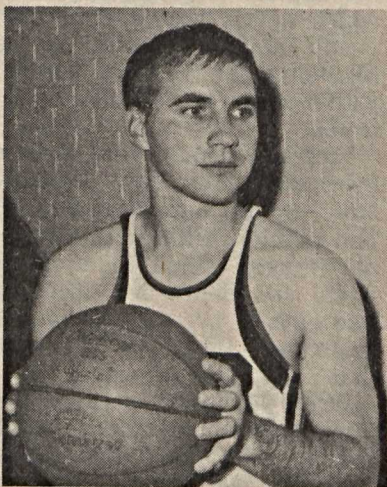
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Coach's Comments

The basketball season has gotten under way quite rapidly this year. Already we have played 6 games. The improved schedule has helped the team by improving the attitude of the members. Our rebounding has developed much faster this year, and the boys' ability to control the game is increasing with every outing. We are learning to depend on the team rather than just a few individuals for scoring power. The team's shooting percentage is up, which coincides with the fact that the members have learned to stay calm in tight situations.

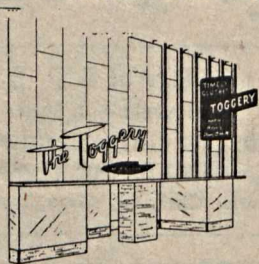
The veterans' contribution to our 2 victories was steady ball control, while our younger players forced the opposition to make mistakes. This combination, along with our balanced scoring attack, leads us to believe that we can defeat any team on any given night.

After Christmas, we still have our conference schedule to face. All of these games are tough, but we feel that our abilities, combined with our efforts, will give our opponents more than just something to think about.



Jim Leifer

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The Montana Tech Orediggers flew north to Calgary on December 1, and found their first victory of the season. The Orediggers scored a big 77-66 win over a fine Mount Royal basketball team. After a 36-33 halftime lead the second team again showed its ability to score.

Gary Carlson led the scoring department as he pumped in a big 20 points. Bud McEnaney, Ed Nordquist, and Pat O'Brien each hit in double figures with 14, 17 and 17 points respectively. Magaerowski was the high scorer for the losers with 16 points.

After dropping their first four games by narrow margins, Tech may well be on its way to a very rewarding and winning season.

Scoring: Nordquist 17; Carlson 20; O'Brien 17; McEnaney 14; Leifer 3; Sutey 2; MacIntyre 2; Lind 2.

The Montana Tech Orediggers won the second of a two game series with Mount Royal by defeating the Canadians 79-65 on December 2 in Calgary. After a 41-20 halftime lead the Orediggers kept controlling the boards and the scoring.

As in the previous game Gary Carlson was high scorer of the night. Gary hit for 22 points. Kevin MacIntyre was second in the scoring department with 12 points. The Orediggers played tight ball control and were never in any serious danger. Scoring: Montana Tech — Nordquist 5; Leifer 5; McEnaney 5; Carlson 22; Lind 8; O'Brien 6; MacIntyre 12; Sutey 4; Humphrey 4.

Scoring for Mount Royal — Sutcliffe 8; Hays 1; Magaerowski 21; Simpson 13; Dawson 1; Powell 19; Lotwin 2.

Sidelights and Insights

Montan Tech's recent victory over the College of Great Falls was the result of many individual performances, not the least of which was the efforts of John "Bud" McEnaney.

John put out his best performance of the season then when he scored 14 points and pulled down 7 rebounds.

"His ball handling has improved," said Coach Lester, "to the extent that when our guards get into trouble, they look for Bud."

Not playing basketball in high school has placed Bud at a great disadvantage, but through hard work and desire he has developed his shooting ability so that all coaches and teams must respect him when they are defending the Orediggers.

Montana Tech split a two-game series with the Great Falls College Argonauts the weekend of December 8 and 9. Friday night Tech lost by 71-59 and Saturday won 75-73.

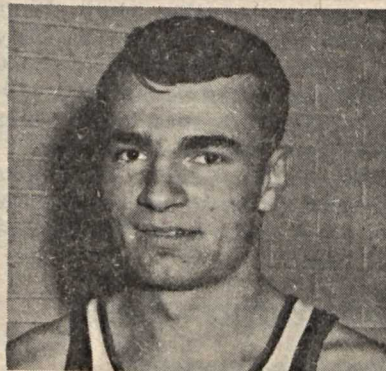
Friday night center Jack O'Connor sparked his Argonaut team. O'Connor scored 24 points. He was followed by Pat Handley and Randy Marrison.

The visitors were overtaken in the second half but pulled away quickly and were never in danger again.

Scorers for Tech: Carlson, 14; McEnaney 12; Leifer 2; Sutey 8; O'Brien, 10; Nordquist 12; MacIntyre 1.

Saturday night the tables were reversed. The Orediggers, hitting from everywhere, led by Gary Carlson was high man for the Oredigger with 22 points and sparked the blistering attack. Tech overcame a 39-37 halftime deficit to bring the third victory of the season to Tech.

GREAT FALLS: Spoja 1; Handley 14; Doney 5; Magalsky 6; O'Connor 27; Patera 18; Palister 2. Total 73
MONTANA TECH Carlson 22; Pack 2; McEnaney 14; Nordquist 6; MacIntyre 8; Leifer 5; O'Brien 18. Total 75



John McEnaney

Strong shooting and good rebounding gave Montana Tech a 74-55 victory over the Northwest Nazarene College Crusaders on December 14 in the Montana Tech gym.

The Crusaders could not penetrate the tight Tech defense and were forced to shoot from out. Only once, in the fourth quarter, did the visitors threaten to come back, but this fire was quickly put out.

Pat O'Brien was the scoring leader for Tech with 21 points, and was also high scorer in the game. He was followed, in honors, by Bud McEnaney who pumped in 20 points. John Pryor was high scorer for the Crusaders with a 16 point effort.

Free throws were an essential part of the Tech victory. Tech hit 18 points on 24 personal fouls while the Crusaders hit 7 points on 11 personal fouls.

A halftime margin of 42-30 was the spark needed to bring on a strong second-half. The Crusaders had a short rally in the final quarter but McEnaney started hitting again and put the game out of reach and gave Tech its fourth victory of the year.

MONTANA TECH (74)
Nordquist 8 pts.; Sutey 2 pts.; Leifer 5 pts.; Carlson 11 pts.; O'Brien 21 pts.; McEnaney 20 pts.; MacIntyre 2 pts.; Humphrey 5 pts. Total 74

NORTHWEST NAZARENE (55)
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